

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 20, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 212 - HB 821**

This bill, if enacted, will add to the current policy statement concerning the provision of special education services that Tennessee shall provide special education equal to January, 1995 federal requirements in those areas addressed by federal law.

Tennessee presently provides special education services beyond those mandated by federal requirements in that gifted, developmentally delayed, and functionally delayed children are presently served but are not required to be served under federal guidelines. It is assumed that the intent of this bill is to change state requirements to match federal requirements.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be a decrease in state expenditures of approximately \$9,300,000. This estimate is based on the identification by Special Education personnel within the Department of Education of the following numbers of students, by option, who will not be required to be served. The cost is based on an average cost per option of service. Details are as follows:

<u>Option of Service</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	5,585	\$192	\$1,072,320
2	6,636	\$240	1,592,640
3	7,474	\$381	2,847,594
4	869	\$700	608,300
5	786	\$1,167	917,262
6	16	\$8,752	140,032
7	983	\$1,751	1,721,233
8	129	\$2,918	376,422
9	0	\$0	0
10	<u>18</u>	\$1,751	<u>31,518</u>
Total	<u>22,496</u>		<u>\$9,307,321</u>

Enactment of this bill is also estimated to result in a decrease in local government expenditures. Such decrease cannot reasonably be determined but can reasonably be estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director